Minutes: After a motion by Carolyn and a second, members of the Governance Board approved the minutes of their May meeting.

Discussion of Holy Manners: David reminded us again of the space between law and complete freedom which might be called civility, holy manners or obedience to the unenforceable. He asked members of the Council to name some positive behaviors which have been observed within the church. Among the many examples named were: listening and talking, respect for the needs of others, caring, inclusive, celebration of diversity, allowing time to develop a good process, good will, giving new/transitional pastors time to learn about us, listening to our youth, the process of small group discussions leading up to the Open and Affirming vote, the use of Roberts Rules of Order in Congregational meetings. David noted that we have used a lot of tools to deal with difficult moments.

He noted that we are living in a time of vitriol in the public square which intensifies stressors within the church. Some of the stressors which LRUCC is currently experiencing include: departure of a long time pastor, steady loss of membership, downturn in financial contributions and economic depression in the larger community.

Executive Session: Cici outlined the agreement which has been made for the conclusion of LRUCC’s contract with the Transitional Pastor for Faith Formation. The current contract ends on November 26, 2016. After a lengthy discussion, Bruce moved to give the Moderators authority to sign the agreement that has been worked out. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor Search committee: After discussion Mary moved the Council authorize the creation of an Associate Pastor Search Committee. The motion was seconded by Bruce and approved.

Endowment Challenge: George reported that within a month after the announcement of the Endowment Fund challenge grant, the challenge was met with donations of $13,990.85. When the donations are added to the
challenge grant of $4,000.00, the Endowment has been enriched by $17,990.85. This brings the Endowment Fund the point where the Fund earnings can begin to be used in designated portions of the 2017 church budget.

**Senior Pastor’s report:** Since the most recent new member classes, David reported that several people will be joining the Church. Some will join on June 19th and the others on June 26th.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Lingo
Clerk